

The Commission on Hereditary Disorders, created by Chapter 695, Acts of 1973, establishes a program on hereditary disorders.

The Commission is composed of eleven members appointed for terms of four years. No member may serve more than two consecutive four year terms. One member of the Commission is a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate. One member is a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Five members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor at his sole discretion, provided that these members are not health professionals nor involved in the administration or ownership of any health care institution or health insurance organization, nor the spouse of a health professional, administrator, or owner. Four of the members are licensed medical physicians knowledgeable in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary disorders, who are appointed from a list of three names submitted at least three months prior to the date for making appointments by the Monumental Medical Society of Baltimore, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions. If the list is not submitted, the Governor shall appoint, at his sole discretion, a member who is a licensed medical physician knowledgeable in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary disorders.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints five representatives of the Department of Mental Hygiene to serve as *ex officio*, non-voting members of the Commission. One of these representatives must represent the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency.

After the first year the Commission shall choose from among its number a Chairman and a Vice Chairman by majority vote, who shall hold their respective offices for two years. Such officers may succeed themselves.

The Commission aids in the gathering and the dissemination of information on the treatment of hereditary disorders in the State. It also establishes and promulgates rules, regulations, and standards for the detection and management of hereditary disorders. It re-evaluates on a continuous basis the need for and efficiency of State programs on hereditary disorders. The Commission also institutes and supervises educational programs and counseling on the subject of hereditary disorders and its treatment and prevention for the public and providers of health services. The Commission may utilize existing programs and groups for its informational purposes, whether or not such programs and groups are governmental.

The Commission is to evaluate the entire hereditary disease program annually and report such evaluations along with recommendation to the Governor (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1973 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 33A, 809-816; 1972 Repl. Vol., 1973 Supp., Art. 62, sec. 6A).

#### **Advisory Board of Juvenile Services**

Chairman: James E. Kardash, 1975

*Vacancy*, 1973; Robert I. H. Hammerman, 1974; Charles A. Harris, 1974; John L. Pitts, M.D., 1974; Capt. Preston B. Rowland, 1974; Richard W. Bateman, D.S.W., 1975; Loren T. Tyler, 1975; Marilyn Goldwater, 1976; Roger Lee Olson, 1976; George B. Rasin, Jr., 1976; Carl Schroeder, 1976.

This Board, created by Chapter 126, Acts of 1966, has the duty of recommending to the Director of the Juvenile Services Administration